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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT/SECTION 4(f) EVALUATION FOR THE NE NOVELTY HILL ROAD PROJECT

Purpose of this Notice: This notice is published to notify interested citizens and others that the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA, the federal lead agency), Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT), and the King County Department of Transportation issued the Environmental Assessment (EA)/Section 4(f) Evaluation for the NE Novelty Hill Road Project on Friday, March 5, 2010.

Purpose of the Document: King County has prepared this EA to analyze potential environmental impacts associated with building and operating the NE Novelty Hill Road project. In particular, the EA compares the expected environmental impacts of the proposed project with the potential impacts of not building the project.

The environmental studies described in the document have shown that the proposed project would not likely result in any significant adverse environmental impacts. Both project benefits and adverse project impacts are minor or not significant. Associated mitigation measures that would minimize or compensate for the impacts are described in detail in the EA and its appendices.

Project Purpose and Description: The purpose of the proposed project is to improve the immediate and long-term mobility and safety of vehicles and goods within the Novelty Hill project corridor and the Bear Creek Planning Area. The project would make roadway improvements along a four-mile corridor including widening portions of NE Novelty Hill Road, NE Union Hill Road and 196th Avenue NE, and constructing new roundabouts at three intersections. In addition, an 800-foot section of new road will extend 195th/196th Avenue NE northward connecting NE Novelty Hill Road and NE Union Hill Road. The project also includes stormwater treatment facilities; pedestrian and non-motorized transportation improvements; and stream, wetland, and wildlife habitat mitigation. The project will be built in two phases: Phase 1 is scheduled for 2010 through 2012; Phase 2 may begin several years after the completion of Phase 1 and would likely take two years to complete.

Location of Proposal: The project corridor is located in northeastern King County and extends from the eastern boundary of the City of Redmond, eastward into the King County urban-growth area. The project is located in Township 25N, Range 06E, Sections 05, 06, 07, and 08, and Township 26N, Range 06E, Sections 31, 32, 33, and 34.

Commenting on the EA: Comments must be received or postmarked by **April 19, 2010** and should be directed to Tina Morehead. Written comments may be sent to:

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Locations where the document is available for review: Printed copies of the complete EA/ Section 4(f) Evaluation document will be available at the following locations:

King County Library System:

Bellevue Regional Library, 1111 110th Avenue NE, Bellevue, Washington
Carnation Library, 4804 Tolt Avenue, Carnation, Washington
Duvall Library, 15619 Main Street NE, Duvall, Washington
Kirkland Library, 308 Kirkland Avenue, Kirkland, Washington
Redmond Regional Library, 15990 NE 85th Street, Redmond, Washington
Woodinville Library, 17105 Avondale Road NE, Woodinville, Washington

Seattle Public Library – Central Library, 1000 Fourth Avenue, Seattle, Washington

This information is also available for review at the project website:

<http://your.kingcounty.gov/kcdot/roads/cip/ProjectDetail.aspx?CIPID=100992>

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